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Cell: _____
Other _____

Family Physician

Name _____
Telephone: _____
Name _____
Telephone: _____

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Name _____
Telephone: _____

Nearest Relative

Name _____
Home: _____
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Poison Control Center1-800-222-1222

Mark Your Calendar!

Along with special religious holidays, there are many days to share with family in the coming months:

Patriot Day
September 11

Citizenship Day
September 17

Make a Difference Day
October 28

Veterans Day
November 11

National Family Week
November 19-25

Thanksgiving Day
November 23



FAMILY **FALL** UPDATE

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Dear Friend:

Strong families are the core of our neighborhoods, our communities, our great nation itself. As the place where children develop their moral compass, strong families are also our link to a better future. Truly, few things are more important than working together to protect and support our families.

As summer draws to a close, I want to share with you several pro-family issues that may be of interest to you and your family. Please do not hesitate to call me toll-free at (866) 305-2121 or e-mail me at senrjelinek@senate.michigan.gov if you would like further information on any of these topics.

It is my honor to serve the families of the 21st District and I will continue to work hard on your behalf. I hope you will call on me if you have any questions or concerns or need assistance with any state matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Jelinek
State Senator
21st District

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SHIELDING WOMEN FROM ABUSE

Women would be protected against a subtle and many times unrecognized form of domestic abuse – coercive abortion – under legislation recently introduced in the Michigan Legislature. The package of Senate and House bills would help ensure a woman who chooses to have her child can do so without being harassed or threatened. Along with making coercion illegal, the legislation would require abortion providers to screen for domestic violence and coercion.

Coercion can lead to other problems, including more violent forms of abuse. Studies have shown that approximately four to eight percent of women suffer domestic violence during pregnancy. And many women suffer long-term emotional distress and depression when pressured to choose abortion against their will. The Senate bills have been sent to committee.

"A woman must feel free to carry her precious child to term without intimidation or pressure to have an abortion."

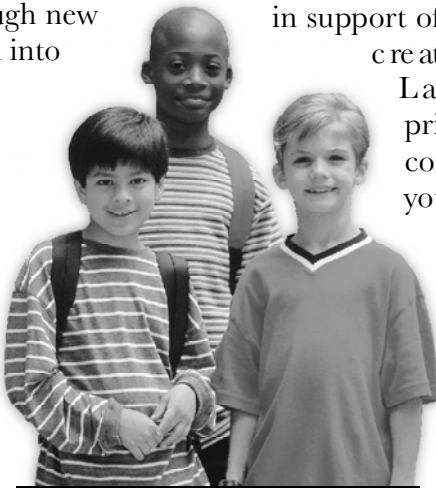
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Senator Jelinek Supports Tough Laws to Protect Children

"There's no greater responsibility than working to keep our children safe from those who would try to exploit or hurt them." – Senator Ron Jelinek

Nothing is more precious than the safety and security of our children. Tough new Senate legislation recently passed into law gives authorities more tools to help protect our children from sexual predators. The new laws require repeat offenders convicted of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree to serve a life sentence without a chance of parole if their victims are under the age of 13.

Mark Lunsford, whose nine-year-old daughter, Jessica, was murdered by a



repeat sex offender, came to Michigan to testify in support of the legislation. Another new law creates a Michigan version of "Jessica's Law," which requires at least 25 years in prison with lifetime parole for someone convicted of sexually assaulting a child younger than 13.

It's hard to imagine the unthinkable. Yet, as the heartbreak of Jessica's death makes clear, we must do everything we can to make sure our children are safe.



There's been a rash of news stories recently about kids, mostly teens, and the trouble they can get into on internet sites and through electronic media. It's enough to scare a lot of parents, even those with young children. I thought it might be a good time to revisit an earlier Senate effort that offers a way to help parents protect their kids from inappropriate and unsolicited e-mails.

"The Protect MI Child Registry helps put parents in charge of what their children see online."

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The **Protect MI Child Registry**, the nation's first child protection registry grew out of Senate legislation passed into law. This program allows parents to safeguard their children from unwanted electronic messages. It is free, easy to use and secure. By registering your child's e-mail address with the Registry, you can prevent them from receiving messages about products or services legally prohibited for children. It is basically a "Do Not Call" list for children's e-mail addresses. Protect your family's electronic addresses at www.michigan.gov/protectmichild.

On another front, the Attorney General has teamed up with the Michigan State Police to fight Internet Crimes Against Children. They have set up a 24-hour hotline for anyone having information concerning online child sexual exploitation. Call the **CyberTipLine** at: (877) 5CYBER3 (1-877-529-2373).

Senator Jelinek Supports Bills to Protect Grieving Military Families

Families mourning the loss of their fallen soldiers are protected from harassment under legislation recently signed into law. The new laws make it a felony to demonstrate within 500 feet of a funeral. The laws are a response to the disrespectful and disruptive action of a group that hurls insults and abusive speech at the funerals of soldiers killed in Iraq.

I strongly supported this important legislation. The families of our servicemen and women who have died in combat have the right to grieve the loss of their loved one in peace. Our fallen heroes have the right to be honored in solemnity and dignity.



Helping Children Learn

Recent research shows what many parents know instinctively – boys and girls learn differently. This concept could be carried to the classroom since Senate legislation passed this summer would let school districts offer separate boys' and girls' schools and classes. The legislation would require substantially equal educational opportunities for both boys and girls.

Many people feel teachers can better teach to different learning styles, and students are less inhibited and more focused in single-gender classrooms. I supported this legislation to give parents a choice in better meeting the needs of their sons and daughters.